resources for. investment in mica mines are getting shy. Geological Survey of India and the Indian Bureau of Mines have been making efforts for identifying more mica bearing pegmatites. The efforts have so far not been very successful.

D. D. A. flats

2884. SHRI T. R BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which published in Times of India of dated-the 22nd February, 1987 regarding DDA's dubious ways and substandard work;

(b) if so, how many fiats have been affected;

(c) whether any survey has been undertaken by DDA to find out the extent of damages that have taken place in these. flats;

(dl whether any enquiry by DDA has been conducted to fix responsibility against the concerned officials;. and

(e) whether Government propose to conduct a CBI enquiry into the whole episode?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 5 only.

(c) Yes, Sir. This has revealed that out of five flats, cracks in two are of wider magnitude.

(d) Investigations have been undertaken to ascertain the causes of the cracks and to find out the extent of damage. These investigations are still in progress. Necessary action against the officials found responsible will be taken as soon as investigations are completed.

(e) There is no such proposal.

Interest charged by Hudco on loans

2885. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: SHRI B. SATYANARAYAl? EiEDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of interest at which house building loans are given by HUDCO to the various categories of persons;

(b) whether it is a fact that those who are in regular Government employment are given loans by HUDCO at a lower rate of interst i. e. 12 per cent; and

(c) if so what are the reasons for charging higher rate of interest from retired persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) HUDCO does not give loans direct to individuals, including Government employees. Loans are given to State Housing-Boards, Development Authorities, Improvement Trusts etc and the rate of interest in respect of various Housing Schemes are as in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) Does not arise.